

## BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**August 10, 2010**  
**10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting**  
**All Present**

Chairman Patrick opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Two items were added to the agenda for August 10, 2010: County Audit Engagement Letter, and a Class A Club License. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for August 3, 2010. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve checks and claims for August 10, 2010 and payroll for August 13, 2010. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion for the Chairman to sign a Class A Club License (#2010-1) for the McPherson Country Club effective October 3, 2010. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m. Linda Paul, Register of Deeds, joined the meeting to request approval of new job titles, descriptions and wages for deeds staff. Ms. Paul provided data comparing grade levels among specific County employees as well as wage comparisons among similar deeds positions in counties of similar population and valuation. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to not allow any changes in grade or wages for Deeds employees. No action was taken regarding updated job titles and descriptions.

At 10:38 a.m., Kenneth Cook, Planning & Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting to discuss the possibility of allowing zoning permits for the Ponderosa Sub Division prior to official State approval of the dam, which is located on the property. The landowner has submitted application for approval of the dam. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to authorize the Planning & Zoning Administrator to issue building permits. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** The County will have the option to file information on the respective subdivision properties, that the dam has not been approved by the State.

At 10:50 a.m. Dan Schrag, Noxious Weed Department Director, joined the meeting to request approval to purchase a used forklift. Mr. Schrag provided information on different purchase options and specifications. Following discussion, Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the purchase from Forklift America in the amount of \$9,250.00 plus an additional \$350.00 in freight costs. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:10 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to discuss the possibility of leasing equipment to assist in completing a current road project. Following discussion, Commissioners asked Mr. Kramer to return to the next meeting with additional information regarding leasing costs and terms, as well as costs to have that portion of the project completed by an outside source.

At 11:30 a.m., Jason Frazer, PEC representative, joined the meeting to request bid selection for the electrical portion of the Courthouse Lighting Project. Following review and discussion, Commissioner Terry made a motion to accept the bid from Hedlund Electric in the amount of \$105,375.00. This was the only bid which met all the specifications. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.** Funding for the project is through private foundation dollars.

Rick Witte, County Administrator, presented for approval and signature, a letter of engagement from George, Bowerman and Noel, P.A. for auditing services of the McPherson County financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009. The auditing fees amount to \$23,435.00 plus additional out-of-pocket costs. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 12:05 p.m., Commissioners recessed until 1:15 p.m. when they reconvened in the Commission meeting room to conduct a budget work session. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to publish the proposed 2011 budget. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** At 2:43 p.m., Chairman Patrick adjourned the meeting.

Commission minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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Duane J. Patrick, Chairman

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Ron Loomis, Vice-Chairman

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Harris Terry, Commissioner

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Attest: County Clerk  
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